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SUBJECT: TURK BREAK WITH ISRAEL NOT FORESEEN

REFS: A) ANKARA 816; B) NICOSIA 184; C) STATE 22066; D) ANKARA
8906, 9009, 9711 (1973) AND ANKARA 340 (1974),"

1. FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTS OUR EARLIER COMMENT (REF A)
ABOUT A RUMORED TURK BREAK WITH ISRAEL (REFS B AND C).

2. WE HAVE BEEN MONITORING THIS SUBJECT SINCE NOVEMBER
(SEE REF D MESSAGES), DURING WHICH TIME WE HAVE
CONSISTENTLY BEEN TOLD BY AUTHORITATIVE MFA OFFICIALS THAT
TURKEY WOULD NOT RPT NOT ALTER ITS POLICY TOWARDS ISRAEL.
IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT:

A. IN LATE JANUARY, AKYAMAC, THE NEWLY-APPOINTED
TURK CHARGE IN TEL AVIV, ASSUMED HIS POST (TURK-ISRAEL
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ARE AT THE CHARGE-PERSONAL RANK OF
AMB OR MIN LEVEL);

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B. TURK AIRLINE FLIGHTS TO AND FROM ISRAEL ARE ALMOST
BACK TO THEIR PRE-WAR LEVEL;

C. THE ISRAELI CHARGE ON FEB 4 TOLD US HE WAS
CONFIDENT, ON BASIS HIS DEC-JAN TALKS WITH BAYULKEN, ECEVIT,
AND OTHERS, THAT TURKEY WOULD NOT CHANGE ITS POLICY,
UNLESS ISRAEL DID SOMETHING TRULY "OUTRAGEOUS" SUCH AS
SCUTTLING THE PEACE TALKS; AND

D. CELOGLU, IN CHARGE MFA'S ME, SOUTH ASIA AND
AFRICA BRANCH, ON FEB 5 RECONFIRMED THAT THE NEW ECEVIT
GOVT'S POLICY TOWARDS ISRAEL WOULD NOT CHANGE AND THAT IT
WOULD RESIST, IGNORE, OR DIVERT PRESSURES -- EVEN IN THE
FORM OF ISLAMIC SUMMIT RESOLUTIONS -- TO SEVER RELATIONS
WITH ISRAEL (CELOGLU INCIDENTALLY CONFIRMED THAT FONMIN
GUNES WOULD BE TURKEY'S CHIEF REP AT THE SUMMIT AND THAT
SECGEN EREZ WOULD HANDLE THE PREPARATORY PHASE).

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